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It is not expected that the capacity of enterprises controlled by the Metallurgical Department of the GDR Ministry of Heavy Industry will be essentially increased in 1955. This can be inferred from the relatively small allocations earmarked for investments in metallurgical plants. It is planned further to enlarge the J.A. Stalin Foundry Combine at Puerstenberg/Oder and the Iron Works West at Calbe. The 400- and 650-mill trains at VEB Edelstahlwerk Dachau will be erected in 1955. When the "New Course" was promulgated in 1953, these mill trains were 85 percent completed. Further work on them was then suspended.

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